GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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HUGE FOODGRAINS STOCKS IN FCI GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the godowns of FCI are overflowing with Foodgrains meant for exports while hugestock of wheat purchased by the FCI for PDS has been laying open at Najafgarh and Narela grain markets in Delhi for want of space;

(b) if so, the details thereof the estimated loss likely to be suffered by the FCI as a result thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial steps to rectify the situation and to stop its recurrence in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): Due to record procurement of rice and wheat in 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, some stocks of foodgrains have been kept in Covered and Plinth (CAP) godowns.Wheat stocks in Najafgarh and Narela mandis have been shifted to storage complexes.No losses are expected because of storage in CAP complexes.

(c),(d)&(e): Steps have been taken to create additional storage capacity through PSU`s aswell as private parties to accommodate fresh stocks.